

# M I N U T E S

## OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 19, 1977 - 7:30 P.M.

The County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Phinney. Invocation by Rev. Ron Callahan. Members Moore and Bailes were absent.

Mr. Chastain, Finance Chairman Oconee Sewer Commission requested \$225,000 be advanced to the Commission for the Plant Building site right-of-way acquisition, realtors, and legal fees, etc. The Commission agrees to pay 5 percent interest effective April 1, 1977. It was pointed out that Step III has not yet been approved and until it is FHA will not make the loan. Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Herring seconded to advance the \$225,000 under terms of the agreement. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Walhalla Mayor, Robert Gaillard urged Council to go ahead with the plans to locate a new Library in the County seat, Walhalla, and offered assistance from the City of Walhalla to help in any way possible. Mr. Herring thanked Mayor Gaillard for his comments and interest in the project and assured him the Committee was studying this matter and would make a recommendation very soon.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Cox, to adopt on third reading Ordinance #77-2 (Mobile Homes). The vote six for; 0 against.

Motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Ables to adopt Ordinance #77-3 on third reading. The vote six for; 0 against.

Salem Magistrate, Horace Hinkle requested Council approve \$204.00 for travel, \$32.00 telephone and \$500.00 for clerical help for his office through June 30, 1977. Mr. Herring moved, Mr. Crain seconded, to refer this to the Finance Committee. It was agreed. (The Finance Committee agreed April 20, 1977 to allow \$200.00 for travel and \$25.00 for telephone expense but clerical help was not approved.)

Mr. Frady stated three bids for the Courthouse were received, Ridgill Roofing of Greenville, \$7,800.00; Roof Services of Anderson, \$9,463.00; Walhalla Roofing \$9,826.00. The low bid from Ridgill was accepted. Mr. Frady also announced two new patrol cars for the Sheriff's Department were delivered this date. Also in old business Mr. Frady announced three bids for concrete for Tennis Courts at South Cove Park were received: Oconee Concrete, \$9,262.00; Metromont, \$9,262.00 and R & M Concrete, \$9,213.00. The low bid from R & M was accepted.

Mr. Herring moved to adopt a revised proposal for the office space as follows:

Complete one room of the Annex instead of five; Purchasing Department to Sales Tax Office in Courthouse, leave Rehab where it is now and Delegation Office for the time being remain where it is with the possibility of moving it to old Sheriff's office when Law Enforcement Center is completed. After some discussion Mr. Herring amended his proposal to move Rehab to the Annex so that Supervisor's office could expand into this area. Mr. Cox seconded this motion; all votes were in favor.

Mr. Cox told Council Members, Seneca Mayor Bruce Cannon has invited them to attend the City Council meeting in Seneca May 10th.

In old business Mr. Crain presented a letter from SCHD regarding Railroad grade crossings. The provisions of the 1973 Highway Safety Act require each State shall identify Railroad Crossings. It was determined by the Highway Department that Oconee County has approximately 20 signs that need to be placed or replaced. The funding for this program would be 90% Highway and 10% County. The total cost to the County would amount to approximately \$100.00. Mr. Crain moved to fund the \$100.00 for this project. Mr. Ables seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Frady stated the Landowners adjacent to the new Law Enforcement Center had complained about the Creek that has become wider due to the heavy rain and recommend steps be taken to correct the situation.

Mr. Thomas moved to approve an additional \$3,000.00 for food and \$200.00 for film, etc. for the Jail and Sheriff's Department as requested by Sheriff Green. Mr. Cox seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Thomas recommended the Council meeting times be switched (1st Tuesday 7:30 - 3rd Tuesday 3:00 P.M.). Mr. Frady seconded and it was approved.

A meeting will be held at Tri County Tech April 25 at 4:00 P.M. Dr. Don Garrison invited Council Members to attend.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Frady seconded to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.